IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Kiyoshi ASAMI et al.

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For. CATALYST WARMING CONTROL APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 4, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2003 for two months from June 7, 2003 to August 7, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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